

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A data transmission/reception system ~~comprised of~~
comprising:

 a first recording/reproduction apparatus; and

 a second recording/reproduction apparatus, ~~which~~

wherein said first recording/reproduction apparatus and said second

recording/reproduction apparatus execute recording and reproduction of input data~~[,]~~ and
execute transmitting ~~which transmits and receiving of~~ receives data ~~therebetween~~ ~~between said~~
~~first recording/reproduction apparatus and said second recording/reproduction apparatus~~,

wherein said first recording/reproduction apparatus includes:

a first recording unit for recording a digital data group including digital data and
~~recording~~ a first database file which stores information regarding the digital data of the recorded
digital data group, the information regarding digital data including ~~which includes~~ copy origin
information indicating a location from which ~~where~~ each digital data of the recorded digital data
group is copied from and copy destination information indicating a location to which ~~where~~ each
digital data of the recorded digital data group is copied to ~~of the digital data group~~;

an extraction unit operable to extract, from the first database file, the information
regarding the digital data which corresponds to digital data ~~which is~~ recorded in said first
recording/reproduction apparatus but has not been ~~recorded in said second~~
recording/reproduction apparatus, the extraction being executed by comparing a second database
file, sent by said second recording/reproduction apparatus, with the first database file;

a delete determination unit operable to determine, based upon the copy origin
information and the copy destination information included in the first database file, whether or
not to delete, ~~from said first recording/reproduction apparatus,~~ (i) the extracted information
regarding the digital data and (ii) the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information
regarding the digital data ~~from said first recording/reproduction apparatus~~, and

wherein said second recording/reproduction apparatus includes:

a second recording unit for recording a digital data group including digital data
and recording a second database file which stores information regarding ~~each~~ the digital data of

the digital data group; and

_____ a sending unit operable to send the second database file to said first recording/reproduction apparatus.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The data transmission/reception system according to Claim 1, wherein:

wherein each information regarding the digital data stored in the first database file and stored in the second database file further includes information which indicates a priority level of the digital data, and; and

 said delete determination unit is operable to determine, based on the priority level information which indicates the priority level of the digital data, whether or not to delete the extracted information regarding the digital data and the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital data.

Claims 5-8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) The data transmission/reception system according to Claim 1, wherein said first recording/reproduction apparatus further includes a sending unit operable to send, to said second recording/reproduction apparatus, the extracted information regarding the digital data and the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital data.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The data transmission/reception system according to Claim 9, wherein said sending unit is operable to determine, based on the copy origin information and the copy destination information of the digital data, whether or not to send, to said second recording/reproduction apparatus, the information regarding the extracted digital data and the

digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital data.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) The data transmission/reception system according to Claim 9, wherein:

wherein each information regarding the digital data stored in the first database file and stored in the second database file further includes information which indicates indicating a priority level of the digital data, and; and

said sending unit is operable to determine, based on the priority level information which indicates the priority level of the digital data, whether or not to send, to said second recording/reproduction apparatus, the extracted information regarding the digital data and the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital data.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) The data transmission/reception system according to Claim 1, wherein one of said first and second recording/reproduction apparatuses apparatus and said second recording/reproduction apparatus is installed in a vehicle.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) A recording/reproduction apparatus which executes recording and reproduction of input data and executes transmitting and receiving of which-transmits and receives data with another an other apparatus, said recording/reproduction apparatus comprising:

a recording unit for recording a digital data group including digital data and recording a first database file which stores information regarding the digital data of the recorded digital data group, the information regarding digital data including which includes copy origin information indicating a location from which where each digital data of the recorded digital group is copied from and copy destination information indicating a location to which where each digital data of the recorded digital group is copied to, of the digital data group;

an extraction unit operable to extract, from the first database file, the information regarding the digital data which corresponds to digital data which is recorded in said recording/reproduction apparatus but has not been recorded in the other apparatus, the extraction being executed by comparing a received second database file, including which has stored

information regarding each digital data of ~~the a~~ digital data group recorded in the other apparatus, with the first database file, ~~and; and~~

~~a delete determination unit operable to determine, based upon the copy origin information regarding a copy origin and the copy destination information included in the first database file regarding a copy destination, whether or not to delete, from said recording/reproduction apparatus, (i) the extracted information regarding the digital data and (ii) the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital data from said recording/reproduction apparatus.~~

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) A data transmission/reception method ~~of using a first recording/reproduction apparatus for transmitting and receiving reception data to and from with another recording/reproduction apparatus as well as and for managing data recorded on the first recording/reproduction apparatus data, said data transmission/reception method comprising:~~

~~an extraction step for extracting, from the a first database file recorded on the first recording/reproduction apparatus, information regarding digital data which corresponds to digital data which is recorded in the first recording/reproduction apparatus but has not been recorded in the other recording/reproduction apparatus, said extracting being executed by comparing (i) a received second database file received from the other recording/reproduction apparatus which has stored including information regarding digital data, the information regarding digital data including which includes information regarding a copy origin information which indicates indicating a location from which where each digital data is copied from and copy destination information regarding a copy destination which indicates indicating a destination to which where each digital data is copied to, of the digital data group recorded in the other apparatus, with (ii) a the first database file which has stored including the information regarding each digital data of a the digital data group recorded in the first recording/reproduction apparatus; and~~

~~a delete determination step for determining, based upon the copy origin information regarding a copy origin and the copy destination information regarding a copy destination, whether or not to delete, from the first recording/reproduction apparatus, (i) the extracted information regarding the digital data and (ii) the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital data.~~

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having a program stored thereon, the program for using a first recording/reproduction apparatus for transmitting and receiving data with another recording/reproduction apparatus as well as and for managing recorded data recorded on the first recording/reproduction apparatus, said the program causing a computer to execute a method comprising:

an extraction step for extracting, from a the first database file recorded on the first recording/reproduction apparatus, information regarding digital data which corresponds to digital data which is recorded in the first recording/reproduction apparatus but has not been recorded in the other recording/reproduction apparatus, said extracting being executed by comparing (i) a received second database file received from the other recording/reproduction apparatus which has stored including information regarding digital data, the information regarding the digital data including which includes information regarding a copy origin information indicating a location from which indicates where each digital data is copied from and copy destination information indicating a destination to which regarding a copy destination which indicates where each digital data is copied to, of the digital data group recorded in the other apparatus, with (ii) a the first database file including the which has stored information regarding each digital data of a the digital data group recorded in the first recording/reproduction apparatus; and

a delete determination step for determining, based upon the copy origin information regarding a copy origin and the copy destination information regarding a copy destination, whether or not to delete, from the first recording/reproduction apparatus, (i) the extracted information regarding the digital data and (ii) the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital data.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended) The recording/reproduction apparatus according to Claim 13, further comprising a sending unit operable to send the extracted information regarding the digital data and the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital data to the other apparatus,

wherein said sending unit is operable to determine whether or not to send the extracted information regarding the digital data and the digital data that corresponds to the extracted

information regarding the digital data to the other apparatus based upon the copy origin information ~~regarding a copy origin~~ and the copy destination information ~~regarding a copy destination of the digital data~~.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended) The data transmission/reception method according to Claim 14, further comprising ~~a sending step~~ of determining whether or not to send the extracted information regarding the digital data and the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital data, ~~the information being extracted in said extraction step~~, to the other apparatus based upon the copy origin information ~~regarding a copy origin~~ and the copy destination information ~~regarding a copy destination of the digital data~~.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium ~~program~~ according to Claim 15, wherein the method further includes ~~causing a computer to execute a sending step~~ of determining whether or not to send the extracted information regarding the digital data and the digital data that corresponds to the extracted information regarding the digital data, ~~the information being extracted in said extraction step~~, to the other apparatus based upon the copy origin information ~~regarding a copy origin~~ and the copy destination information ~~regarding a copy destination of the digital data~~.